

Rowen's Annex, South Building  
Eight North Washington  
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-36  
C1795

The barrel vault covered walkway, now enclosed, running between this building and Six North Washington Street indicates that the buildings are contemporaries. Typical of modest Federal buildings, this one is three bays wide and has a Flemish bond brick facade. It is now connected to Ten North Washington Street, a similiar structure. Most interior details have been lost.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Town of Easton

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Rowen's Annex, South Building

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8 North Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Rowens Stationery, Incorporated

Telephone #: 301-822-2095

STREET &amp; NUMBER

P. O. Box 186

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

Liber #: 496

Folio #: 452

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

1967 Survey of Easton, Maryland by Paul Brinkman

DATE

August 28, 1967

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

T-36

## CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building is the southern structure of what is called "Rowen's Annex". It is joined on the north to another 2½ story Federal building (T-403) and they share a common store front. The buildings stand on the east side of Washington Street in the commercial district across from Talbot County Court House Square.

This is a Federal building, 2½ stories high and three bays wide. Its front facade is of brick laid in Flemish bond. There are two gable dormers in the west slope of the gable roof. Little of the early character or detailing remains.

Original windows may be seen on the second floor front facade. The opening has a flat arch of gauged brick; the unbeaded window frames hold nine over six sashes. The sills are molded and project from the wall surface; this detail is unusual in the existing Federal period buildings in Easton, but is also seen on #10 North Washington Street (T-403). Old pictures show louvered shutters at these windows.

The dormers have a crownmold, cornice and return. The pilasters flanking the 6/6 sashes have broad reeding along their entire length and plain bases. The cheeks are covered with sheet metal.

The cornice with modillions appears to be a recent replacement and is identical to the cornice on #10 North Washington, Rowen's Annex South Building.

The roof of raised seam metal meets the brick curtain of #6 North Washington Street (T-35). The roof and cornice levels of the two structures match; these buildings have a barrel-vault covered walkway between them. This walkway has been enclosed but would resemble that which may still be seen between #115 (T-23) and #119 (T-24) North Washington Street. Double chimneys with a connecting brick curtain formerly rose above the walkway; the weight of the chimney was carried by the vault.

The basement and first floor have been converted to store sales areas; the second floor is now rented as offices. No early details are visible on these floors. On the third floor the only early details are a board and batten door and the <sup>plaster stops</sup> dormer cheeks; both of these details are a very simple-almost crude - treatment. The outline of the chimneys may be seen on the southern wall. This floor is used as storage.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES C1795

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William Mebuy

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A large number of Federal style buildings were constructed along Washington Street after the present courthouse building was constructed in 1794. These buildings, houses, shops and stores, formed the nucleus of the present town of Easton commercial district. This building is significant - even in its altered state - because it is one of these early structures.

This building was probably constructed between 1791 and 1798 by a William Mebuy who owned a lease on the property for those years. When he sold the lease to Bennett Wheeler in 1798, a brick building was standing at this location; it was occupied by Mr. Wheeler who may have kept a store on the first floor. Its use for many years after has not been discovered, however, by the turn of this century it housed a drug store as did its neighbor, #6 North Washington Street.

L496/F452 1975 saw the end of a fine, old, hardware store, known as Shannahan and Wrightson, when the property was bought by Rowen's Stationery, Inc. The transaction included three adjoining parcels of land and buildings. This portion was deeded to Shannahan and Wrightson in 1965. It was sold to satisfy the creditors of Elmer E. Fox and his wife Charlotte, who had purchased it from the Hughes family in 1940. Walter Hughes was running a drug store here as early as 1893, when it was sold from the estate of Mrs. Ariana Leonard.

L400/F458

L397/F592

L246/F464

L120/F10

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.  
 Pictured in Ingraham, Prentiss. Land of Legendary Lore, (Easton, Maryland:  
 The Gazette Publishing House) 1898.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

NA

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE None COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

August 17, 1976

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Box 1171

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CITY OR TOWN

Easton


STATE

Maryland 21601

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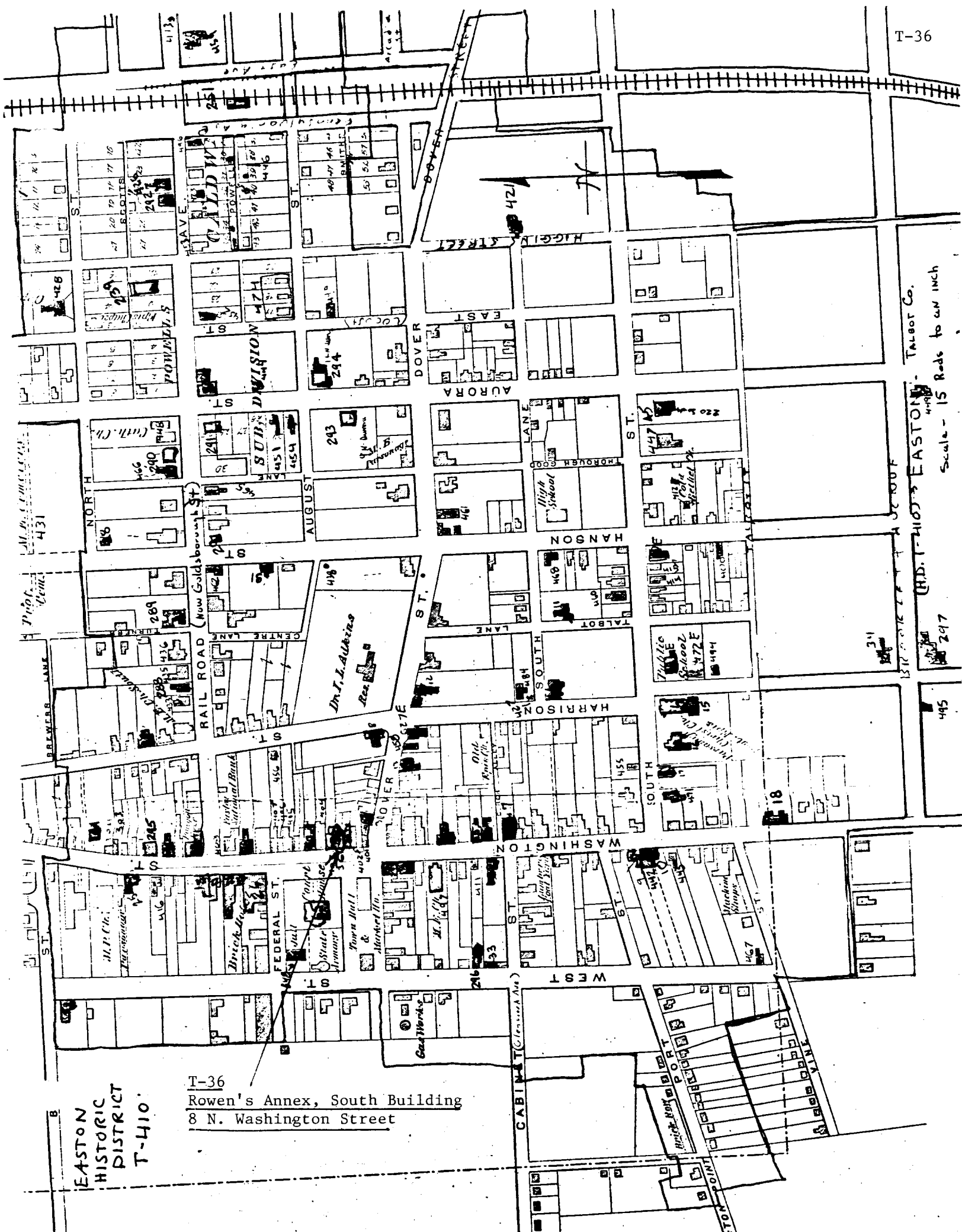
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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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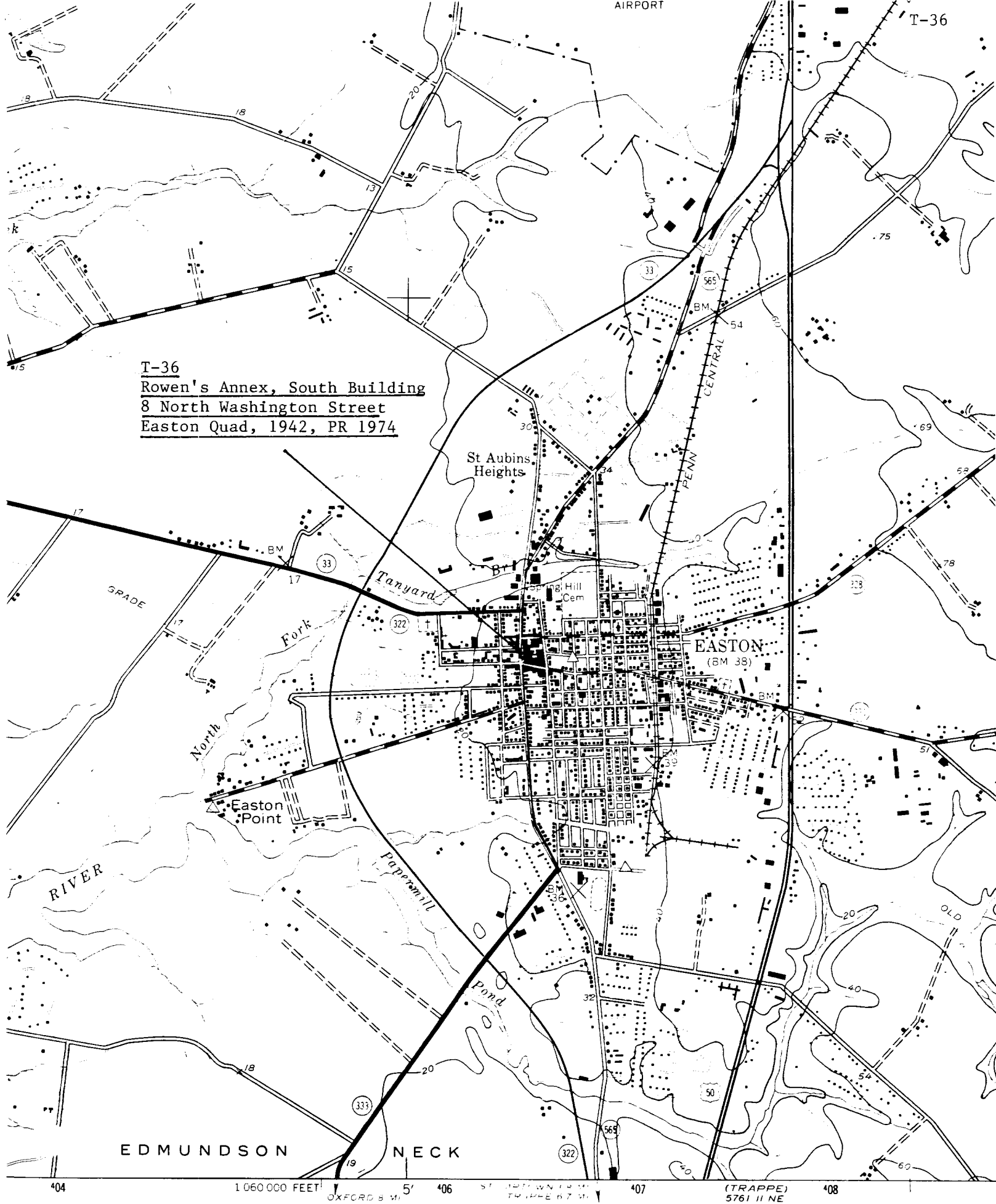
<p>1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> T-36</p> <p>COUNTY <b>Talbot</b></p> <p>TOWN <b>Easton</b> VICINITY</p> <p>STREET NO. <b>Washington St.</b></p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER</p> <p>ORIGINAL USE <b>Rowhouses (?)</b></p> <p>PRESENT OWNER <b>Shannahan &amp; Wrightson</b></p> <p>PRESENT USE <b>Store</b></p> <p>WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>Flemish bond brick</b></p> <p>NO. OF STORIES <b>2 1/2</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY</p> <p>2. NAME</p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD <b>c. 1820</b></p> <p>STYLE <b>Federal</b></p> <p>ARCHITECT</p> <p>BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>yes</b></span></p> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">The Shannahan and Wrightson Hardware Store is composed of two late Federal-style row houses each three bays wide with gently sloping A-roofs. The first storeys of both buildings have been remodeled into a neo-colonial shopfront. The second storeys, although sand blasted too much, still retain their fine brick work and their 8/12 windows with flat brick arches and molded wooden sills. A heavy cornice with modillions runs along the roof line.</p> <p>The row house on the left has 2 9/6 round arched dormers with radiating muntins. The one on the right has plain peaked dormers with 6/6 windows.</p> <p>Although altered, these two row houses still retain much of their original style and if treated with more care could be a fine addition to the Easton architectural scene.</p>	
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered    Interior    Exterior</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"><b>good but restored</b></p>	
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </p> <p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>	<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p> <p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"><b>Paul A. Brinkman</b></p> <p>DATE OF RECORD <b>28/8/1967</b></p>

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T-410.

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8 N. Washington Street



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Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



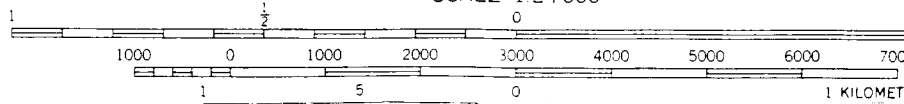
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WEST FACADE

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The SHANNAHAN & WRIGHTSON HARDWARE CO

PEOPLES

T-403 (L)

T-36 (R)

Left Half

T-403

Rowen's Annex, North Building

10 North Washington Street, Easton

Right Half

T-36

Rowen's Annex, South Building

8 North Washington Street, Easton

West Facade